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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Restriction is required to the following allegedly patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- I. Claims 1-9, Figure 4: A semiconductor device having the molding compound surround the at least one tilt flap lock to lock the molding compound onto the bottom lead frame.
- II. Claim 10-18, Figures 6a-6b: A lead frame for a semiconductor device having a reduced portion extending outward from the die-attached portion.

Applicants elect the species defined by the Group I claims, Claims 1-9, Figure 4, without traverse, for initial prosecution on the merits.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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